

## LEARNING TO LOVE OUR SPOUSE

### LESSON THREE: LOVE IS KIND

- ✧ LOVE IS MUCH MORE THAN AN EMOTION
- ✧ LOVE ACTS/DOES NOT ACTS IN A CERTAIN WAY
- ✧ LOVE IS LEARNED
- ✧ LOVE IS HARD, NEVER ENDING WORK

(Answer the following on the back or on a separate sheet of paper to allow yourself space to comment fully)

1. Look up "kind" in a dictionary or Bible dictionary. Then tell what it means to be "kind" in your own words.
2. How does Jesus' parable of the "Good Samaritan" (Lk 10:29-37) illustrate what it means to be kind?  
Do we see our husband or wife as a "neighbor"? Do we show kindness to our spouse or too many times do we "pass by on the other side"? How do acts of kindness cultivate our relationship? What does "passing by on the other side" do to our relationship?
3. What phrase did Peter use in his sermon to Cornelius sums up Jesus' life as a life of kindness? (Acts 10:38)  
(He practiced what He preached)
4. On each of these occasions, what moved Jesus to acts of kindness? Mt 15:32-38; 20:29-34; Mk 6:30-34; Lk 7:11-15 How can we develop this quality?
5. Describe a busy day of kindness in the life of Jesus (Mk 1:21-34) and meditate on this quote:  
  
"It is not strange that after days so marvellous as these, it was impossible for Jesus to find due repose. From early dawn on the mountain top to late evening in whatever house He had selected for His nightly rest, the multitudes came crowded about Him, eager to share His miracles, eager to listen to His words. There was not even time to eat bread. Such a life is not only to the last degree trying and fatiguing ... but simply maddening, unless the spirit be sustained by boundless sympathy and love. But the heart of the Savior was so sustained"- An Englishman writing in 1874.
6. What was Jesus' ultimate kindness and why did He show it? Jn 10:11-15; Phil 2:3-8
7. List a few ways husbands can show kindness to their wives.
8. List a few ways wives can show kindness to their husbands.
9. Practical application: Think about how you can be kind to your spouse this week. Put your thought into action. At the end of the week reflect on what this has done for your relationship. Now do this every week for the rest of your life together.

"He spent His life in doing good, I want to be like Jesus,  
In lowly paths of service trod, I want to be like Jesus."